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Massachusetts National Guard Mobilizes to Support Hurricane Irene

MILFORD, Mass. – The Massachusetts National Guard has been mobilized by Gov. Deval Patrick and is preparing to assist the state's Emergency Management Agency in general relief efforts across the commonwealth. Initially 500 Soldiers and Airmen will be called to state active duty to provide support to civil authorities and prepare for the hurricane.

"Massachusetts National Guard Soldiers and Airmen are ready to assist the citizens of the Commonwealth," said Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard, Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Carter. "The National Guard can be relied upon for our diverse emergency response capabilities, strategically located units, and our rapid deployment during times of need."

Guard members will assemble throughout the day in preparation for the upcoming storm.

The Massachusetts National Guard's 79th Troop Command will provide command and control of Soldiers, Airmen and equipment from the 126th Brigade Support Battalion, 211th Military Police Battalion, 101st Engineer Battalion and the 104th Fighter Wing